

**STATE ENHANCED 9-1-1
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2001**

Members Present:

Chair, Dan LaRoche, *Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs*
Dan Aycock, *Member At Large*
Bob Connell, *Verizon*
Jack Cvitanovic, *Department of Health*
Patty Danner, *Large Urban Counties – East*
Marlys Davis, *King County*
Bill Graedel, *Washington State Association of Counties - East*
Jon Kaino, *Washington State Association of Counties – West*
Jim Merritt, *Washington Fire Commissioners Association*
Jim Potts, *Fire Protection Policy Board*
Kristen Russell, *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC)*
Mike Suelzle, *Qwest*
Marj Williams, *Large Urban Counties West*

Alternate Members Present:

JoAnn Boggs, *Washington State Emergency Management Association (WSEMA)*
Steve Reinke, *Small Rural Counties - East*
Lanette Scapillato, *Small Rural Counties – West*
Patti VonBargen, *Association of Washington Cities - East*
Fred Wilcox, *Washington State Patrol (WSP)*

Guests Present:

Tom Griffith, Deb Welsch, John Didion, Sophia Byrd, Kellie Ottmar, Eileen Ervin, Manfred Rose, Marcus Volke

State Office Staff Present:

Bob Oenning, Catherine Bartholomew, David Irwin, Teresa Lewis

Welcome and Introductions:

Dan LaRoche called the meeting to order at 9:40 am. Members and guests introduced themselves.

There was one amendment to the September 20, 2001 minutes. On page 4, under New Business, the phrase 'was not' was left out in the last sentence of the first paragraph.

Review and Approval of Amended Minutes (September 20, 2001):

Dan Aycock motioned to approve the amended September 20, 2001 minutes as written.

Bill Graedel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Dan LaRoche reported his findings on the issue of recording incoming and outgoing 911 calls. [Encl 1].

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

Standards Workgroup – Select Chair & Co-Chair

There was an extensive discussion on what exactly the Standards Workgroup is going to do and the purpose of this workgroup. The majority of the Strategic Planning Committee members were not present at the meeting and there were questions concerning how standards developed by the workgroup would be applied. It was decided to table this selection, until there was more clarification on the purpose of this group by the Strategic Planning workgroup. Noting consensus, the Chair moved this item to the next meeting.

Technical – Bob Connell

Bob Connell stated that one item coming out of the Strategic Planning Committee was the development and implementation by 2003 of a statewide 911 PSAP network. The technical committee decided to focus on gathering data to determine what the benefits of such a network would be and just how far are we away from such a network. Bob gave a presentation on how the committee plans on going about this task [Encl 2].

Bob reported on the SS7 conversion. Verizon has completed all of the SS7 upgrades at the central offices where they connect to Qwest. All of Qwests upgrades have been completed, smaller companies can migrate to the SS7 at their option.

Patty VonBargen requested that the technical committee attach some explanation to the proposed survey, explaining exactly what information they want.

Wireless – Marlys Davis

Marlys Davis reported that SSB 6034 was in the Senate Rules Committee at the end of the 2001 session and the HB 2150 was in the House Technology, Telecommunications and Energy Committee. The bills will retain their current status at the beginning of the 2002 legislative session. The committee decided to table whether or not they would recommend that the groups they represent support HB 2150 until after the November elections to determine where there will still be a tie of democrats and republicans in the House.

To strategize on supporting the legislation, Sophia Byrd of the Washington State Association of Counties is sponsoring a meeting to strategize on supporting the legislation for interested lobbyists who will be actively working the legislation. The meeting will be held on November 20th. Marlys received responses from VoiceStream, Nextel, Qwest Wireless and Cingular that they will be attending that meeting. Anyone else interested in being at the meeting was requested to contact Marlys.

Marlys reported that the FCC has recently ruled on the Phase II waivers requested by the major wireless carriers. A fact sheet outlining the FCC decision and the Executive Summary of the FCC's most recent ruling on Phase II requirements were distributed [Encl 3]. The FCC has granted the waivers that were requested from AT&T Wireless, Cingular, Nextel, Sprint PCS and Verizon Wireless. The FCC had previously approved a Phase II waiver for VoiceStream. In

addition, the FCC established a reporting schedule in which the carriers must report their progress on implementing E911 on a quarterly basis.

Marlys handed out a spreadsheet [Encl 4] that describes in detail the status of Phase I orders. Kurt Hardin has been contacting the counties to verify the status of the their Phase I orders. Phase I agreements are completed and ready for signature with three of the carriers, AT&T Wireless, VoiceStream, and Qwest Wireless. Work is still being done with Sprint PCS, Cingular, NexTel and Verizon. Inland Cellular, Rural Cellular, and US West Cellular have not yet responded. Marlys encouraged counties who have placed Phase I orders with these carriers to contact them and encourage them to complete the agreements.

The workgroup is still working on Phase II service agreement language.

Marlys reported that she has been working with Qwest on a Phase II ALI data format test with Intrado. Qwest plans to insert the latitude and longitude into the street name field on the ALI display. The test would confirm the capability to send the ALI through to the PSAP, and test the transfer of data into CAD.

STATE OFFICE REPORTS:

Legislative Update:

The E911 wireless equalization tax bill, which is still alive in committee, will be reintroduced when the session begins in January.

The 0.1% Local Option Sales Tax will be on the agenda for legislative support by several counties this year.

The Utility Commission is examining possible rules regarding the obligation of carriers regarding 911 issues.

On the federal side, there are a lot of budgeting initiatives taking place. Proposed funding to the Department of Transportation (DOT) includes a commitment that they are going to help and support 911 systems with some funding.

Financial Status:

Catherine Bartholomew reported on the state office financial status [Encl 5-6]. The state has put in two requests for supplemental funding, one for statewide network costs and the other for a contribution to counties to support the replacement costs of equipment.

National Issues:

Bob Oenning stated that the reaction to the World Trade Center incident may be a positive for the 911 community and particularly getting things passed in congress. The state office sent out over 700 Anthrax Procedure cards and related information. 911 has become a recognized participant in the homeland defense systems.

The use of wireless non-initialized sets continues to get attention by the FCC, since they cannot comply with Phase I or II rules. Some of the carriers have started giving out non-initialized sets for charity purposes that actually have a preset number to permit compliance.

The FCC is thinking of mandating Warm Lines for all carriers. It is on the table right now for comments.

NEW Business:

The new wireless Boating brochures are now available. The State office passed out a copy of the new brochure.

At the next meeting, the Advisory Committee will accept nominations for the 2002 chair and co-chair. The election will be held at the December meeting.

The next meeting will be held THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2001 at THE RADISSON SEATAC HOTEL.

ACTION ITEMS:

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Bill Graedel seconded the motion. The motion carried

Move the election of the Standards Workgroup Chair and Co-Chair to the November meeting.